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AMENDMENT A

The official letter dated March 29, 2002 has been received, and in response thereto the following Amendment A is submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 110, first paragraph, lines 1-5, please delete the indicated section and replace with:

In situ Hybridization for Osteopontin mRNA

RNA probes were generated based on a sequence for rat osteopontin (GenBank accession# NM 008608-1). Briefly, a cDNA fragment of rat osteopontin was generated by RT-PCR using the following primers: forward primer, 5'-TGG CAC ATT TGT CTT (SEQ ID NO. 1); reverse primer 3' AGC CCA TCC AGTC (SEQ ID NO. 2).

Page 111-112, Table 8 (Page 111, line 24-Page 112, lines 1-5), please delete Table 8 and replace with:

Table 8 TaqMan RT-PCR Gene Marker Primer/Probe Sets

Gene	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer	Probe
Transforming growth factor beta	CACCATCCATGA CATGAACC (SEQ. ID NO. 3)	ACCTTGCTGTACTG TGTGTCC (SEQ. ID NO.4)	TCAGCTCCACAG AGAAGAAGTGC (SEQ. ID NO. 5)